

REMARKS

A new declaration is submitted herewith in which the correct European application number is indicated.

Claims 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34, and 42 have been amended so as to overcome the Examiner's formal objection and the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 112.

Concerning claim 42 where the Examiner objected to the recitation "back-ending protection element" as being unclear, it is realized that this is a term used in connection with car accidents when a car is hit from the back for example by another car or when a car backs into an object but is not an official term. Claim 42 has therefore been amended to describe the situation in common terms.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 25 – 44 would be allowable if re-written or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112 paragraph 2.

Since it is believed that the amendments overcome those rejections, the claims as amended should now be allowable.

Issuance of the Notice of Allowance is therefore solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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